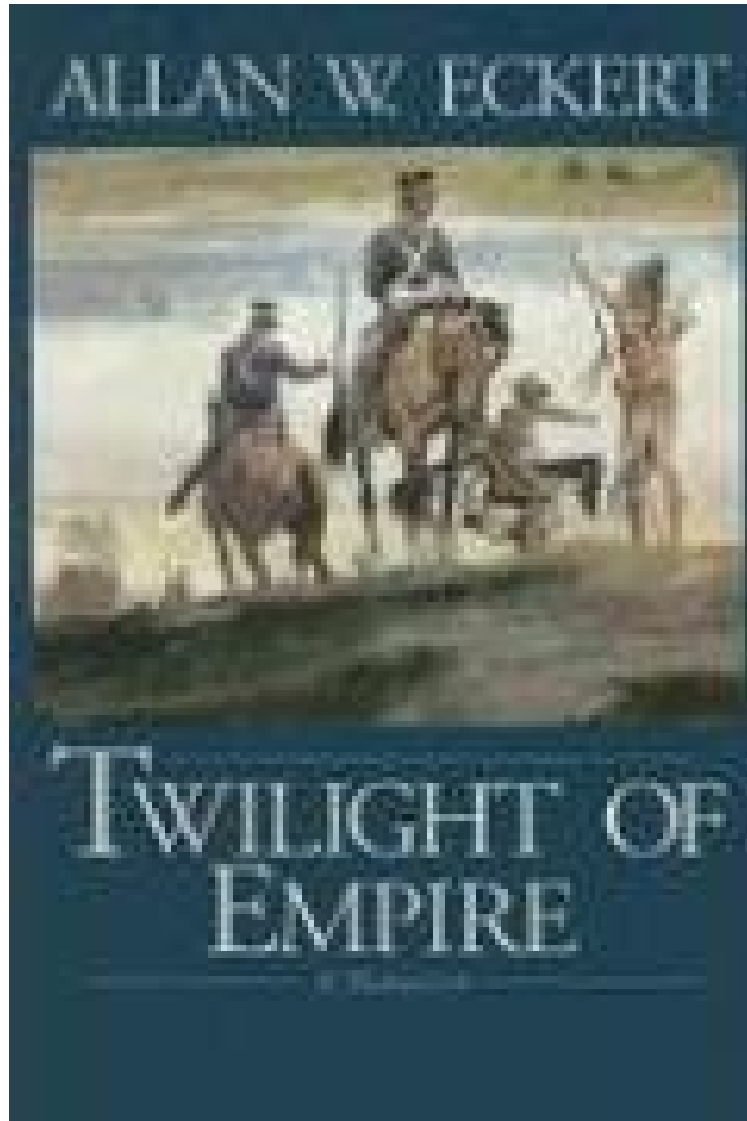


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Donnelly Print too small couldn't read this book. Actually had to buy another book with larger print in order to read it. The content of the book was fabulous. The author writes with authenticity and rich detail. Loved the book. I never understood anything about the Blackhawk Wars. I have a greater understanding of what happened during that time in the area where I live. 2 of 3 people found the following review helpful. A Prelude to the Trail of Tears By Joseph Bourque I enjoy reading all of Allan Eckert's works, and this volume is no exception. This is the last in his Winning of America Series and centers on the Black Hawk War, the culmination of the conquest of the Old Northwest Territories by the chicanery, military prowess, superior firepower and resources of the US Government of "Indian-hater" President Andrew Jackson and the limited fighting ability of Zachary Taylor, young Abraham Lincoln and Jefferson Davis. It is sad and full of pathos in describing the inexorable onslaught of white civilization young America, subduing an out-manned, brave and crafty leaders Black Hawk, White Cloud and their loose knit confederacy of tribes of Illinois, Fox, Sac and Pottawatomie between the years of 1804 to 1832. For this was the twilight of their civilization. Eckert's writing is not for the faint of heart, it and can be downright painful to read of how our society treated its indigenous peoples by forcing them from their ancestral planting grounds, destroying their villages, killing women and children mercilessly all the while sanctifying our early American heroes. It is history you will never read in high school, or for that matter in college, unless you are fortunate enough to have a history teacher that goes beyond the superficial treatment of the "Indian" Wars. We may be the "land of the free, and home of the brave", but we should not forget that we sometimes got here by less than honorable means. Do the means justify the end? Eckert forces us to re-think our glorious "good old days".

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